

Mr. Price presents a petition from a number of inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a law for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in said county; referred to Messrs. Price, Turner and Shower.

Mr. Klipstine obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Allegany county to levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money for the support of William Wilson, of said county. Ordered, That the same be referred to a committee on similar subjects.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That the second report of the state's agent be referred to the committee of ways and means.

On motion by Mr. Maxcy, Ordered, That the treasurers of the western and eastern shore, report to this house the amount of revenue received into the treasury during the year ending December 1, 1824, which accrued during the said year, specifying each particular branch of revenue; also the amount received for revenue accruing previous to the said year, specifying for what years the same did accrue; and also the amount of revenue accruing during the said year, which has not yet been received into the treasury, and specifying the names of clerks and sheriffs from whom returns have not been made for the year ending December 1, 1824.

On motion by Mr. Kemp the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That whatever balance may have been remaining due to the late Eleanor Lynn, (who died on the 23d day of April 1824,) the widow of Col. John Lynn, on the pension list of this state, be paid by the treasurer of the western shore to Davis Richardson, who intermarried with Elizabeth, one of the daughters of the deceased, and Jane Lynn, another of her daughters, they being the only heirs and representatives of the said deceased.

Mr. Estep reports a bill, entitled, An act authorising the recording of a deed of manumission.

On motion by Mr. Lee, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the sum of 300 dollars be and is hereby appropriated, annually, to be applied by the chancellor towards the purchase of a library for the use of the legislature, the court of appeals, and the executive department of the state, and that the clerk of the council do take charge of said library.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for a general assessment of property throughout the state, in order to an equal and fair distribution of the public burthens.

Mr. Teackle moved the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of seven members, be appointed by the chair, to report a bill for a general assessment of property throughout this state, in order to an equal and fair distribution of the public burthens? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on the original order by Mr. Merrick? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1825.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Wootton appears.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the following message was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 12th, 1825.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Believing that there never was a time when less legislation was necessary than at the present, and that the best interest of the good people of this state will be consulted by the early rising of this legislature, we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to close the session on Saturday the 5th day of February next.

Mr. M. Mahon moved to strike out "February" to insert "March," when Mr. Gough moved to refer the message to the 1st of June? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from John Leatherwood, an insolvent debtor; referred to the committee on insolvencies.

The bill authorising the county court of Calvert county to act in the case therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Henderson presents a report from the trustees of the Elkton Academy; referred to the committee on similar reports.

The report on the petition of James Layton, was reconsidered.

Mr. Steele moved the following proviso.

Provided, That the said James Layton shall pay, or cause to be paid, into the treasury of this state, one half of the principal, and all the interest due on said bond, on or before the 1st day of July 1826.

Mr. Worthington offered the following as a substitute:

Provided, That if the said James Layton shall pay, or cause to be paid into the treasury of this state, one half of the principal and all the interest due on said bond, on or before the 1st day of July 1825, all costs incurred in the prosecution of any suit or suits, at the instance of the state against said Layton, and his securities, shall be paid by the state.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was then assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. M. Mahon delivers the following report:

The committee of grievances and courts of justice beg leave to report the following summary view of the attendance of the judges in the several courts of law and equity in this state, made pursuant to the act of eighteen hundred and nine,